

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office action, and it is respectfully submitted that the application as amended is in condition for allowance. Claims 1, 11-12, 17 and 19 have been amended. Claim 2 has been canceled.

Claims 3-7, 10, 16, 18 and 20 are allowed. Claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 8, 9, 11-15, 17, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Selby (U.S. Patent No. 4,876,738) in view of Wells et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,009,497).

Claims 1, 11, and 12 have been amended with subject matter from claim 2, and claim 2 has been canceled. Therefore, claims 1, 11 and 12 are condition for allowance. Claims 8 and 9 depend from claim 1, and claims 13-15 depend from claim 12. Thus, claims 8, 9, and 13-15 are also in condition for allowance.

Claims 17 and 19 have been amended with subject matter from claim 18. Therefore, claims 17 and 19 are in condition for allowance.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

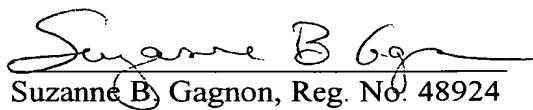
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